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SUBJECT: BORDABERRY'S VISIT TO PARAGUAY

REF: MONTEVIDEO 1591

1. URUGUAYAN PRESIDENT JUAN MARIA BORDABERRY PAID A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ASUNCION MAY 13-16. HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE INCLUDED THE RITUAL EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL DECORATIONS, REVIEW OF YOUTH AND MILITARY PARADES ON INDEPENDENCE DAY (MAY 15), AND NUMEROUS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

2. BORDABERRY AND PRESIDENT STROESSNER REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED SECURITY AFFAIRS IN THEIR PRIVATE TALKS, BUT BORDABERRY IN A PRESS CONFERENCE DENIED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE ADOPTING A COMMON FRONT AGAINST LEFTIST EXTREMISM. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY BOTH LEADERS REAFFIRMED THE FRIENDSHIP AND COMMON ATTITUDES (E.G. POLITICAL CONSERVATISM) OF THESE TWO NEIGHBORS.

3. THE VISIT WAS PEACEFUL THROUGHOUT AND, WITH THE EXCEPTION  
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OF SOME PERFUNCTORY BARBS AT BORDEBARRY FROM OPPOSITION

RADICAL LIBERAL PARTY NEWSPAPER EL RADICAL. WAS UNMARRED BY PRESS CRITICISM. THE GOP AS A SECURITY PRECAUTION CLOSED THE BORDER WITH ARGENTINA FOR FORTY-EIGHT HOURS DURING THE VISIT.

4. AT THE VISIT'S END, A NUMBER OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED INCLUDING THE CONCESSION OF A FREE ZONE TO PARAGUAY AT THE PORT OF MONTEVIDEO AND THE CREATION OF A MIXED COMMISSION TO COORDINATE COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

5. COMMENT: GOP OFFICIALS COMMENTED PRIVATELY THAT LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE RESULTED FROM THE VISIT. THEY GAVE GREATER EMPHASIS TO THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE OF THE VISIT, WHICH WAS THE FIRST BY AN URUGUAYAN HEAD OF STATE TO PARAGUAY, AND TO THE BENEFITS OF THE PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN STROESSNER AND BORDABERRY, WHO BOTH FACE SIMILAR GEOPOLITICAL REALITIES.

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